

HIGH SCHOOL MEETS STANDARD

"It was found that the junior-senior high school at Manzanar meets the standard contained in the School Code of California and the Rules and Regulations of the California State Board of Education. The teachers hold appropriate California credentials with but few exceptions and in these instances the teachers are well trained. The course of study has been carefully developed, appropriate school facilities and equipment have been provided and instruction is well organized."

Walter F. Dexter, superintendent of the California Department of Education reported the above findings to Dillon Myer, WRA chief in Washington, after a survey report was made by Dr. Aubrey Douglass of the Education Department and Dr. Herman Spindt of the University of California who visited the center's school area early in June.

A student graduating from Manzanar high school, whose academic grades are acceptable, would be able to enroll at almost any mid-western or eastern college, it was reported at the time the survey was made.

ANNUALS MAKE DEBUT IN CAMP

With cardinal and gold as their colors, the summer graduating class published and distributed their first Manzanar High School annual last week.

Dedicated to the three advisers for their help in making a successful year, Janet Goldberg, Helen Ely and Mrs. Blanche Chester, the year book contains senior class prophecies, administrative personalities and greetings from Project Director Ralph Merritt, Superintendent of Education, Dr. Genevieve Carter; Curriculum adviser, Dr. W. M. Strong; High School Principal, Leon C. High and Vice-Principal Marion E. Potts.

Editor-in-chief was George Fukuda; assistant editor, Toyoko Ioki, circulation-advertising manager, Mary Suzuki; art editor, Hideo Toma and copy editor, Momo Nagano.

BUSSEI DIRECTORY

The Young Buddhist Association is now making a survey of all buseis of Manzanar for the Bussei Directory. Those who have not as yet registered are asked to do so immediately at Buddhist Church, 13-15, or with the Y.B.A. block representatives.

Heading the survey committee are Jack Iwata, Nob Myose and Barry Tamura.

Making Right Impression Up To Evacuees, Is Advice

After a year in a relocation center, it takes some adjustment to return to the normalcy of outside living and this can be accomplished if evacuees, particularly those from western camps, will shed California notions of prejudice and discrimination, according to advice received from the Chicago Advisory Committee for Evacuees.

"Evacuees should be encouraged not to expect prejudice and discrimination," the committee stated. "Don't expect it and if you run into it, you will be surprised but not disturbed. It happens to be the exception, not the rule," the report said.

Evacuees are learning that Midwesterners are not race conscious towards them if they themselves are not race-conscious. This statement was backed by excerpts from editorials appearing recently in the Chicago Sun and Chicago Tribune.

Relocation is being enjoyed by young evacuee men and women who regard themselves as Americans and expect to be treated as Americans. "It is, in reality, an individual challenge. The issue too are coming out on relocation and making a go of it not as alien

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Penalties Promised For Thefts of Federal Property

Stealing of Federal government property on a WRA project, be it a pair of pliers or 100 cubic feet of lumber, can result in penalties up to \$10,000 fine or ten years in Federal prison, according to the project attorney's office.

If a man is convicted of stealing project property valued in excess of \$50, he faces the prospect of the above mentioned fine and imprisonment. He can be fined \$1,000 and be imprisoned for a period up to one year for theft of government property valued at less than \$50, according to the No. 18 U. S. Code Section 82. First, the F.B.I. would investigate the case. Then it would be handed over to the U. S. attorney. The trial would be held before a Federal District Court in Los Angeles.

Nineteen Japanese Present at 'Y' Meet

"Y" CONFERENCE

Mary Wada, back from the Business and Industrial Y conference held in Alta Lodge in Salt Lake City, Utah, disclosed some very interesting facts of her visit. Forty-one delegates were represented with nineteen of them being Japanese girls. Six centers were represented: Topaz, Tulelake, Minidoka, Heart Mountain, Amache and Manzanar. Girls from Salt Lake City, Denver, Spokane and Boise were also present.

The conference centered on discussions concerning evacuee Japanese. The groups are trying to help sponsor "Y" organizations in relocation centers, sell woodcrafts and other knickknacks made in camps to raise money. One night was devoted to relocation center problems. Nisei girls from the centers got acquainted with each other and exchanged yarns about their own centers. All the Caucasian delegates were very

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76 NYA YOUTHS IN TWIN CITIES

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 30—Thanks to a recent NYA order, 76 Japanese American youths were left "stranded" in the Twin Cities area early this week. They were to participate in the war industrial training program instituted for them at Shakopee and St. Paul NYA center, prior to cancellation.

SEVENTY-THREE BOYS

Most of the 73 boys were taken from the Shakopee center to the Union City Mission's farm at Medicine Lake. They can remain there for a week while they look for jobs and rooms in the Twin Cities. Of the three girls who have been staying at the NYA resident girls' center in St. Paul, one has already found a job and the other two were still looking for jobs.

All of the 76 had just begun their war training courses, none of them had been here longer than 15 days. The NYA order dashed the hopes of many of them that they would finally be able to get active war jobs, which require skill.

PREFER PART-TIME JOBS

Without having completed their full training, they'll have to take the jobs they can get. They prefer part-time jobs so that they can continue war training at Dunwoody Institute and other private schools.

A. C. Stordahl, manager of master projects at the Shakopee center, described the boys as "excellent fellows, cooperative and interested in their work." All of them had completed high school and some have gone to college. Their slang and interests are just like all other American boys, Stordahl said.

White also said the Japanese Americans had among the cleanest record for delinquency on the west coast.

CALL ISSUED FOR TAX SETTLEMENT

All persons who have not called the Fiscal office for Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate should do so by July 1, according to a statement from Boczkiewicz.

Personal exemption for withholding is the amount of wages on which no tax is withheld. The exemption is larger for married persons living together and for heads of families than for single persons who are not heads of families. If a husband and wife living together both receive wages, they may divide the exemption equally or one may take all and the other none, as they agree. An additional exemption for certain dependents is allowable to the person furnishing the chief support of such dependents.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Arts and Crafts Department of Community Activities invite the center residents to visit their summer exhibits from June 29, to July 4 at the following halls: 4-15, Woodcraft-Leathercraft; 4-20, Knitting; 12-15, Art Center; 16-15, Sewing; 16-20, Embroidery; 26-15, Flower Making-Drafting-Brushwriting; 28-15, Sewing.

Superintendent Masaki Ichien announces that new terms will open July 7, for all classes. Registrations are being taken at their respective halls.

their pictures, but are limited to only one pose.

Garment Factory Offers Training To Women Operators

Women who are planning to be power machine operators after relocating may still apply for training at the Garment Factory Warehouse 31, Superintendent of Manufacturing H. R. Haberle disclosed today.

"These persons will be given priority at the factory in accordance with WRA policy and their training period will be from sixty to ninety days, depending upon the operator's ability," Haberle declared.

"There are at present time many lucrative offers in this field for women whose starting wages begin at 40c to 45c an hour and who can graduate according to their ability," he revealed. Recent reports indicate that operators average about 60c per hour and up.

Colonel To Recruit For Language School

According to a telegram from the Japanese Language School in Camp Savage to Project Director Ralph P. Merritt, Col. Kai Rasmussen will visit Manzanar shortly to interview candidates for training at Camp Savage.

Those who have volunteered for the Shelby combat unit but who have not as yet been called may be reassigned to this language school if they desire. The new semester is scheduled to open on July 7th.

Frank Ishida, former Manzanarite on furlough from Camp Savage, verified Merritt's promise that all recruits in the future will be inducted soon after they are recruited. In the past there has been cases where the inductees lost interest due to the long waiting before induction. Ishida has completed basic training at Savage and is expected to transfer to Camp Shelby.

The present quota set for this coming semester is 500, with 250 from Hawaii and 250 from the mainland. If volunteers from the mainland are insufficient, the quota will be filled by the Islanders who are reported to be anxious to serve.

Canadian Niseis Warned 'Languages Are In Action'

KASLO, B. C., June 30—Little irritating incidents have occurred countless times in the past by the foolish use of a foreign tongue in public places by people of many races, and the Japanese have had their share in creating them. This did not stop with evacuation.

An Alberta missionary visiting Kaslo gave an interesting talk to a small group of young people concerning the Japanese settlers in Alberta. Her talk from one standpoint was highly illuminating, for as we could well understand and appreciate a nisei's outlook, she gave us the attitude of the Alberta farmers themselves.

She categorized the Alberta farmers on the subject of the Japanese Canadians, as either hot or cold; there was no middle road. She stated that the Albertans were gradually accepting the Japanese as part of the land, but there were many who were becoming more and more bitter against the newcomers' presence,

DILLON MYER FEATURED ON TIME PROGRAM

"Let's do it in the American way." Thus Dillon Myer, national director of the War Relocation Authority pleaded the cause for the evacuees of Japanese ancestry in the ten centers. Tuesday night from the nation's capitol. Speaking on the "March of Time" program, he emphasized strongly that although 14,000 evacuees have resettled, not one case of sabotage has been recorded or reported by anyone.

TWO MAJOR JOBS

The WRA has two major jobs, Mr. Myer said. One is to provide temporary homes for those evacuated from the Pacific Coast and the second is to assist in relocation of eligible Japanese and Japanese Americans so that they may aid in the country's war effort. These people are not prisoners. They are not internees, Mr. Myer declared. Two-thirds are American citizens by law and 72 percent have never seen Japan and know no other country than America. Since the immigration law was passed in 1924, no Japanese have entered the United States. Aliens who reside here have been living in America for 19 years at the least while majority have lived from 30 to 40 years.

SOME DANGEROUS

"There are some who are not wholly Americanized and would be dangerous to national security. These cannot leave the centers. 14,000 have left for relocation and contrary to charges made by investigating committees, not one case of sabotage by anyone of these released, have been reported or recorded by the Federal government," he stated.

In conclusion, the director urged radio listeners not to use Hitler's method of oppression of a minority group but fight to protect the rights of every American citizen regardless of racial ancestry. This, he concluded, is not only the concern of the WRA but the concern of the entire nation.

EDITOR TO VISIT

Harold Ehrensperger, editor of Motive, Magazine of the Methodist Student Movement, will visit Manzanar July 2 and 3 when he will hold discussion on questions confronting Christian youth today.

All those interested in the discussion which will be held at 15-15, 7 p.m., is cordially invited to attend.

'YP' To Hold Meet

Y.P. Fellowship will hold an election of officers Friday evening at 15-15, 6:30 p.m. All active and associate members are urged to attend as this is an all important meeting for us.

and this reaction, she declared, could be attributed in many ways to the discriminatory use of the Japanese language by the settlers.

One woman told this missionary of her recent bus trip to Lethbridge from Turin, and as it happened, it was the Commission's visiting day and the bus was, as it usually is, filled with Japanese. The woman declared to this church worker that she felt a deep resentment as she sat in her seat listening to their conversations in Japanese.

ATMOSPHERE TENSE

Like all traits, this recentment turns flexibly to prejudice, racial prejudice, and in the opinion of this certain missionary, the atmosphere around Picture Butte is not of the best—very tense, she declared. The Picture Butte Progress reports of a Beet Growers' Directors meeting charging the Commission with placing every obstacle in the way of successful sugar beet growing. This, we may call "language in action."

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